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An adjourned meeting from the July 26, 2011, regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m., August 9, 2011.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Guy E. Murray, Jr.; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Staff absent: City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV

Mayor Tharp opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting was for a work session.

City Manager Kolakowski stated that one purpose of the meeting was to discuss any possible state or federal legislative initiatives the City would like to discuss.

The City Manager stated a proposed resolution has been prepared to request that the Governor submit a request for full funding for State aid to localities, which has not been done in quite some time. He said the State has programs that mandate the localities to do something with promised State funding, not fully funding the programs, and then later cutting the inadequate funding they started with.

Mr. Kolakowski said the Virginia Municipal League is lobbying heavily for full funding. He suggested sending copies of the resolution to Delegate Lacey Putney and Senator Steve Newman. The City Manager encouraged members of Council to mention this problem to Delegate Putney and Senator Newman when they see them.

On motion by Vice Mayor Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Murray, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council approved sending a letter along with a copy of the resolution in support of full funding for state aid to localities to Senator Newman and Delegate Putney, and also issuing a press release to the newspapers about this matter. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Councilman Murray asked the City Manager to give members of Council a list of all the unfunded mandates.

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Vice Mayor Wandrei moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for the acquisition or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (29) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion of the award of a public contract where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's bargaining position. Councilman Murray seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 6:15 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski and Assistant City Manager Warner.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:46 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Vice Mayor Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Murray	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Vice Mayor Wandrei asked about the status of the water line break on Route 43 that caused the road to be closed.

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The City Manager stated the 57 year old water line and the road have been repaired and the cause of the break has not been determined.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.